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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY

Regular School Board Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

Spitler Administration Building, 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

Mark Ashley: Present  
Jenni Attie: Present  
Beth Flynn: Present  
Denise Petoskey: Present  
Kathy Reed: Present

1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
Called to order at 7:00PM.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance  
President Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience Participation  
Nate Gross, Petoskey  
• Shout out to PHS Math Department  
Shelly Gudmunsen, Petoskey  
• Shout out to her children's teachers

4. Resolution: Approval - Minutes  
• Regular Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2024  
Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea  
Jenni Attie: Yea  
Beth Flynn: Yea  
Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. Resolution: Approval - Warrants

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$3,823,720.40. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. Recognition: Acknowledgment of Retirees & Resignations

Dr. Leslie thanked Mr. Purcell for his service to Petoskey Schools and congratulated him on his retirement.

7. Resolution: Approval - Employment Recommendation

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval of the candidate below.

- Emily Bongiovanni Special Education

Moved that the listed candidate(s) be appointed to the corresponding position(s) for the Public Schools of Petoskey to begin May 6, 2024. This motion, made by Beth Flynn and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Resolution: Approval - High School Course Catalog Recommendation

As part of our continuous Curriculum Review cycle, our PHS staff presented a new course recommendation to the District Teaching and Learning Committee (DTLC) during the April 2024 meeting.

- The course is: Leaders to Littles

The Board discussed the new course and will revisit the recommendation at the May Regular Board meeting before making a decision.

9. Resolution: Approval - Elementary Interventionist Position, Ottawa Elementary  
The Director of Teaching and Learning presented a new position for feedback to the District Teaching and Learning Committee (DTLC) during the April 2024, meeting.

- The position is: Elementary Interventionist: Ottawa Elementary

This position will be for a certified teacher with experience in reading and math intervention. The position will be funded through Title I. The DTLC gave positive, constructive feedback and support for this position to be presented to the Board of Education for approval. If approved, the position will be posted immediately to begin in the 2024/2025 school year.

Moved to approve the new position of Elementary Interventionist at Ottawa Elementary beginning in the 2024/2025 school year. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Resolution: Approval - Bid Award, Summer 2024 Sinking Fund Projects

The site improvements will include parking lot and / or sidewalk replacement at Central Elementary, Ottawa Elementary and the High School. The total cost, including general conditions, fees and contingencies, is \$1,845,805. Contract recommendations are as follows:

- Earthwork - Harbor Springs Excavating in the amount of \$715,170
- Asphalt - Payne & Dolan in the amount of \$310,325
- Concrete - Kent Companies in the amount of \$267,568

Moved to award contracts as recommended by the District's Construction Manager, Owen, Ames and Kimball as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. Resolution: Approval - Bid Award, Summer 2024 Districtwide Network Upgrades

There are several factors that were considered as recommendations were made, such as pricing, qualifications, completeness of bid and the company's availability to install the systems this summer.

Based on the above criteria, TowerPinkster has the following recommendation, including a 10% contingency:

Bid Category 1 - CAT6a for Wireless Access Points - \$153,438.00 (Pro-Tech Cabling)

Bid Category 2 - Fiber Optic Backbone Cabling - \$55,738.00 (Pro-Tech Cabling)

Bid Category 3 - Telecommunication Room Cleanup - \$406,700.00 (Atlas Electric)

Bid Category 4 - Point-To-Point Wireless - \$15,157.27 (VanBelkum)

Contingency \$ 63,103.33

Total Amount Requested for Board Approval \$694,136.60

TowerPinkster did consider awarding all four (4) bid categories to the same vendor but there is only one vendor (Atlas Electric) that bid on all four (4) categories and did not have any issues with their bid. If we awarded all categories to Atlas, the contract amount would be \$961,400.00. By awarding 3 separate vendors, it will save the district \$330,366.63 (not including contingency).

Moved to award the contract as recommended by the District's Architect, TowerPinkster, as presented. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

12. Resolution: Approval - Bid Award, High School Turf Replacement Project

The total cost, including general conditions, fees and contingencies, is \$1,246,211. The contract recommendation is as follows:

- Turf - AstroTurf Great Lakes in the amount of \$915,708

Moved to award the contract as recommended by the District's Construction Manager, Owen, Ames and Kimball as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13. Resolution: Approval - Revised Budget, 23-24 Food Service Fund

Budgets are revised periodically throughout the year to reflect changes in projected revenues and expenditures. The attached revised food service fund budget reflects the State funding of breakfast and lunch for all students. This change has increased both revenues and expenditures for the food service fund. The revised budget also reflects a fund balance spend down plan that was required and approved by the State.

Moved to approve the revised 2023-24 Food Service Fund Budget as presented. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

14. Resolution: Approval - Revised Budget, 23-24 Sinking Fund

Budgets are revised periodically throughout the year to reflect changes in projected revenues and expenditures. The attached revised sinking fund budget reflects projected property tax collections, completion of summer 2023 projects and includes a portion of the summer 2024 projects that will occur before the end of the fiscal year.

Moved to approve the revised 2023-24 Sinking Fund Budget as presented. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

15. Resolution: Approval - Revised Budget, Student Activity Fund

Budgets are revised periodically throughout the year to reflect changes in projected revenues and expenditures. The attached revised student activity fund budget reflects updated projected revenues and expenditures for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Moved to approve the revised 2023-24 Student Activity Fund Budget as presented. This motion, made by Beth Flynn and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea  
Jenni Attie: Yea  
Beth Flynn: Yea  
Denise Petoskey: Yea  
Kathy Reed: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

## 16. Educational Reports

Elementary Updates provided by Jason Latz:

- Elementary Carnivals
- Rockin' Robin Hood Play
- M-Step Testing
- NWEA Testing
- Elementary Art Show
- Kindergarten Round Up
- Field Day
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Child Abuse Prevention Council honored Becky Friske
- CharEm Podcast
- Field Trips

Middle School Updates provided by Jason Purcell:

- End of Winter Olympics
- Second School Resource Officer
- M-STEP Testing
- PSAT Testing
- NWEA Testing
- Online Safety
- Eclipse
- Athletics
- Band Collage Concert

High School Updates provided by Deidra Gamble:

- PSAT and SAT
- M-STEP
- Scheduling
- Student Celebration Assembly
- Student Leadership Charity Week
- Spring Sports

- Prom

Teaching and Learning Updates provided by Becky Smith:

- Native American Parent Committee Meeting
- Summer School Programs
- Therapy Dog Update

Technology Updates provided by Howard Bates:

- Multi Factor Authentication
- Dark Trace
- Single Sign On
- New network
- Server upgrades
- Promethean Board
- New student devices
- New clocks
- Phones upgraded

## 17. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Flynn:

- MASB trainings
- Great to hear the shout-outs from staff
- Middle school track meet

Trustee Attie:

- Solar eclipse
- Sheridan carnival
- Crooked Tree art show
- DTLC

Trustee Petoskey:

- Crooked Tree art show
- DTLC

Trustee Reed:

- DTLC
- Childcare conversations

Trustee Ashley:

- PEF Scholarships

- PEF Golf Event
- Try It Tuesday
- Softball

18. Financial Report

Mr. Melching reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures. He also provided a presentation on Special Education costs.

19. Superintendent's Report

- Second SRO starting
- Robotics

20. Audience Participation

Jacob Hall, Petoskey

- Soft or indirect bullying at middle and high schools

21. Resolution: Closed Session

Moved that the Board of Education meet in closed session for the purpose of considering a periodic personnel evaluation of an employee as permitted in Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:12PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:58

The Board discussed:

- Set a meeting for the Superintendent's Evaluation
  - June 18, 2024, at 5:00PM
  - Request that Mike Washburn facilitate the meeting
- Staff Appreciation
  - What needs to be done



22. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:08PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Beth Flynn and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0